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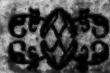
Dr. Archibald Cameron,

Brother to the Famous

DONALD CAMERON of *Lochiel*.

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CARMEN ELEGIACUM.

QUÆIS possum Verbis! O quæis! tua fata
dolere,

Artis Apollineæ præsidiumque decus.
Sive *Machaoniam* poscant Contagia Dextram
Corpore seu toto, Viscera tota fremant.
Vix iussus properas, lenis medicamine leni
Vulnera, sanantur, fervida corda silent.
Barbaries montana fugit, comitata cruore
Auspiciisque tuis fulget ubique decor.
Sævus in humanum mutatur, avarus honestum,
Conversumque sui quodlibet inde viget:
Abria nam tellus, abhinc, oppressa tyrannis
Florescit, Soboles aurea, cuncta novat.
Fæmina chara tori consors, et Pignora septem
Ne Lachrymate nimis, Posthuma fera Proles,
Convenit haud nimio vos indulgere dolori
Et Pater et Conjux hinc erit ipse D E U S,
“Candidus insuetum miratur limen Olympi,”
Solem sub **Pedibus** vidit et **Astra**, Polum,
Ille **CAMERONUS**, Conjux genitorque fidelis,
Quem terris nostris invida fata trudent:
In fratrem Pietas fortem, piget, O piget! illum
His mersere malis, causa fuere necis.
Singultus prohibent! Rivos jam claudite Musæ
Carmina nec pueri, nec Sata nostra bibent.

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GEOMETRY, the Use of the GLOBES, &c.
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men, having taught in the most noted Aca-
demies, and been in Practice for several Years.





MEMOIRS

Dr. *Archibald Cameron.*

*** HIS unfortunate Gentleman.
*** now the general Subject of Con-
*** versation, was the younger Son
of *Evan Cameron of Lochiel*, by a very
virtuous Lady of the Name of *Campbell*.

THE Family of *Lochiel* are among the
most considerable in the Highlands of
Scotland, abstracting from those who are
nobilitated; and have the true Character-
istic of Highland Greatness; i.e. they
can bring more Men into the Field than
any one Branch of the *Macdonalds*, the
Family of *Slaithe* not excepted.

THE *Camerons*, it must be owned, have, for a long time, been branded with the most detestable and odious Names, and have been looked upon as a Parcel of Savages, beyond the People of *Northumberland*, and the other *English* Northern Provinces, for low Life; exceeding the Fierceness of the Lion, without any single Ingredient of his Generosity; and tho' the following Memoirs only concern one unfortunate Gentleman, yet it will not be reckoned improper to account for this their Character from an easy and obvious Cause.

OF the several Clans, possessed of the vast Tract of Territory, between *Blair of Athole* and the Western Ocean on the one Part, and from *Kantyre*, the utmost Limit of the Duke of *Argyle's* Property, to the Point of *Caitbness*, on the other, those of the Clan *Cameron* have the least Access to be known; and as they possess a Tract of Ground upon the Coast, their Neighbours in former Times, envious of their natural Advantages, were ever ready

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to quarrel with them upon the most trivial Occasions; tho' sensible of the Courage and Strength of the Clans, they never missed to sollicite, and sometimes procure Assistance from others, whom they took the greatest Pains to prejudice against them, by representing their Brutality, as they phras'd it; tho', perhaps, if they had lived in equally remote Parts, they might have been subject to the same Insinuations.

The *Mac-Persons* possess the District of *Badenoch* to the East of them, and with these they were at constant Variance; the *Steuarts of Appin* live to the South, the *Macdonalds*, the *Frasers*, and the *Clachattan* to the North, with all of whom they have had Broils in their Turn. This Jangling, created more by those, than by the *Camerons*, raised a Spirit of Detraction in the former, which they artfully propagated among the Body of the Nation, and sometimes stirred up the *Scottish Kings*, who, enraged against them, gave a *Charte Blanche* to their Neighbours to eraze them

lent: which last they never were capable to
 effect; but indeed they ruined their Repu-
 tation by the Dirt of Tongue, and the
 frequent Opportunities of conversing with
 the People; of which the other, miserly
 from their Situation, were totally de-
 prived. ^{by representing their Brutaries}
^{they praised it; tho, perhaps, it}
 Of whatever Character the *Camerons*
 might be reckoned worthy, before the
 Union of the Two Kingdoms, yet the
 same is rather applicable to a natural, than
 to any other Cause; that the Body of
 them did partake of the Fierceness of the
 other Highlanders, which all the *Scots*
Historians, such as *Borlase*, *Buchanan*,
 but particularly *Drummond* of *Hawthorn-*
den, p. 6, of the *Lives of the Jameses*,
 represent with uncommon Keenness, none
 can deny; but that they are a savage sort
 of People, capable of no Impression, is
 absolutely false; for one of them was
 Keeper of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, and
 the Memory of the pious Mr. *Richard*
Cameron is still on Record. * ^{who engaged}
 WHEN ^{them to their Neighbours to state them}
 See *Woodrow's History of the Sufferings of the*
Church of Scotland.

WHEN the late *Donald Cameron* of *Lochiel* came to the Estate, he found himself at the Head of a very potent Clan, which laboured under the Imputation of Pilfery and Robbery: To extirpate which two detestable Vices, he applied himself with his utmost Vigour, and in the Course of his Procedure exerted an uncommon Labour and Pains. No Person reputed to have stole a Cow, a Sheep, or a Horse, was ever admitted into his Presence; and he gave the Reward of his Countenance to those who were most instrumental in detecting Robbery and Theft; the few Strangers who came among them (for every Person is a Stranger in these Highland Counties, except themselves) were regaled by him, and publick Intimation was made that his Example should be followed: And indeed his Endeavours were crowned with such Success, that before the breaking out of the last Rebellion, he himself was looked upon as the most polite Gentleman in the Highlands, and his Clan the most civilized: Nor must

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it be forgot that his Brother, the unfortunate Subject of these Memoirs, was singularly active in promoting these salutary Schemes; which argued the greater Virtue, if we consider that at this Time the Clan were under the Influence of *Lovat*, as will easily appear from the following true Story, which is known to some Gentlemen of great Veracity, with whom I conversed about it not many Days since.

SIMON Lord *Lovat*, whose Name has made such Noise in the World, had once a Dispute with a neighbouring Gentleman, and the Matter was referred to Mr. *Cuthbert* of *Castlehill* for Decision; the Umpire determining the Case against *Lovat*, his Lordship contrived a Method to be revenged; for this Purpose he wrote a Letter to *Ludovick* *Cameron*, Uncle to *Lochiel*, which we chuse to insert as near as possibly could be remembered by those who had seen it, or by the Person who came into his Lordship's Apartment while he was dictating it to his Clerk.

My

My Dear Cousin Mr. Ludovick Cameron.

THIS comes by an Express to inform you, that your dear Cousin and faithful Servant *Simon Lord Lovat*, is in great Distress both of Body and Mind; not so much for the Loss I have of late sustained through the Determination and Arbitriment of *Cuthbert of Castlehill*, as from a Sorrow that rages in my Breast to see the *Boddach Saffanachs** daily encroaching upon the Clans; for, my dear Cousin, since the Time that *Oliver Cromwell*, that hellish Barbarian, took off the King's Head, who had such a great Love for your Grandfather, several *Mac-Intoshes* and *Mac-Baines* have been dispossessed of their Lands and Estates. *John Forbes of Cul-loden* has the very House which the old Laird of *Mac-Intosh*, our dear Cousin, lived in; and all the new-come *Boddachs* are but violent Possessors of what formerly belonged to that martial Family, so closely connected with yours, that there is not a *Cameron* but is related to all the *Mac-Intoshes*,

* *English* great-gutted Fellows.

Intoshes, nor a *Mac-Intosh* but is related to all the *Camerons*, as I could easily shew you : My very Heart is like to burst within me when I think upon the Losses sustained by the Clans, who are dearer to me than my very Life ; and what heightens my Pain is to think that you should have your Ears racked, and Eyes polluted, with reading this Account, which I am obliged to send you ; for sure I am, my dear Cousin, that if your honest Grandfather, who bit the *Boddach Saffanach's* Lip *, for which, and his other Services, he was knighted by my dear Master King *Charles II.* was alive, his very Heart would break within him ; for no People upon Earth were more intimate than he and I. And now I beg Leave, my dear Cousin, to inform you of what he once did for my Father : A *Boddach Saffanach* once differed with my Father, and on his telling his Complaint to my dear Cousin, your Grand-

* An *English* Governor being put into *Inverlochy* Fort, had a Quarrel with the Laird of *Lochiel*, whom he threw upon the Ground ; but the Chieftain getting hold of his Lip in his Teeth, pulled it down to the very Throat, so that he died in great Torture.

Grandfather, he sent his own Brother to revenge the Quarrel; for in two Days Time all his Stables were broken, and his Horses and Cattle driven into the Sea: And you cannot, my dear Cousin, have forgot, that when Brodie of Lethan hanged Donald Mere Macdonald of Kerpoch's Family, Archibald Mac Ean Tearlach, Mac Conacalister, and his Brother Rob Roy Stavach, for no more than seizing upon two Cows out of the Parks of Pitgavenie, your honest Grandfather by the Mother's Side, my dear Cousin, espoused his Cause, and came down with our dear Cousin Allister Mac Vic Allister Roy, Mac Connel Oig Glass, and houghed every Cow belonging to him; which had so good an Effect, that these Low-Country Boddachs never meddled with the Highlanders afterwards: And now, my dear Cousin, if some speedy Remedy be not applied, these Boddach Saffanachs will triumph over us, which you can easily prevent; so that I shall be in Pain till I hear of, and from,

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My Dear Cousin,

Your most obedient, most affectionate,

most faithful, and most humble

Servant and Cousin,

The afflicted LOVAT.

THIS Letter had the desired Effect, for, in three Days after Receipt of it, all the Cows in the Parks of Castlehill were hamstring, rendered useless, and left on the Ground to moulder in their Blood: Two of the Persons concerned were afterwards taken and tried by the Lords of Justiciary at the Circuit in Inverness, and condemned to be hanged: They died with but little Remorse; which might be owing to the Assurance given by Lord Lovat, that they should receive a Pardon, and desired they might not despair even while the Rope was about their Necks.

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SUCH was the Genius of the People of *Lochabar*, when the late *Donald Cameron* of *Lochiel* came to the Estate; and like another *Peter the Great* of *Muscovy*, not only applied to polishing his own People in good Earnest, but set a bright and laudable Example to his Neighbours of *Glengary* and *Keppoch*, the *Mac-Phersons* and *Grants*; whose Clans, were more thievish and cruel than even the *Camerons* themselves. His Brother, Dr. *Archibald*, relished the undertaking, and being naturally of a very mild, amiable Disposition, and of the sweetest Temper of Mind, his Councils were the more persuasive, and his Endeavours more successful.

He had been in his younger Years educated by one Mr. *Alexander Mac Baine*, Minister of *Inverness*, a very honest Man, and my particular Friend: Under him he was initiated into the Principles of the *Latin* and *Greek* Tongues, the principal Parts of Education in Scot-

land at that Time : And as Mr. *Mac Baine* understood these Languages well, and had an acute Genius to work upon, Mr. *Cameron* became a good Proficient in these Studies, and was afterwards sent to the College of *Glasgow*, where he improved in his *Latin* under Mr. *Andrew Ross*, a Man of great Knowledge in the *Latin* Tongue, being a Person of a quick Turn of Mind, but without any solid Judgment * : He likewise advanced considerably in his *Greek*, under the Eye of Mr. *Dunlop*, the Gentleman who has obliged the World with a better Grammar than any extant ; in which he reduces the Declensions to three, marks down the Active, Passive, and Middle Voice, both of the regular and irregular Verbs, that if one knew the Alphabet, he might learn the *Greek* Tongue without a Master : He likewise studied Moral Philosophy under Mr. *Francis Hutchinson*, an *Irish* Gentleman, who has wrote so elegantly upon the Passions and on Moral Virtue. He learned

* This poor Man, whom I knew, died Mad some time ago.

learned some Parts of the Mathematicks from Mr. *Robert Simpson*, who has wrote a most elaborate and excellent Treatise of Conic Sections, and at his Leisure Hours heard Lectures from Mr. *John Simpson*, the Professor of Divinity.

THIS last Gentleman had, thro' the Misapprehension of some raw, stupid Fellows, then Students at the University, been miserably traduced and misrepresented as an Enemy to the Divinity of JESUS CHRIST. The Matter went thro' the different Judicatures of the Church of *Scotland*, and Mr. *Erskine* of *Grainge*, then Lord *Grainge*, Brother to the Earl of *Marr*, having laid a Plan for dividing the Kirk, as the first and most proper Step toward a greater Division, appeared at the Head of some strict, hot-headed, bigotted Zealots against him. The poor Man was tortured for several Years: His own Scholars were brought in as Witnesses, and examined upon the naked Emission of Words, several Years after these were uttered. They were generally very ignorant

rant and despicable; their Oaths were contradictory; and, notwithstanding Perjury may be traced out of them, yet I am apt to attribute that rather to their Ignorance, than to any malicious Design; tho' it must be owned that one Evidence, Mr. *John Freeland*, late Minister in *Russel-Street, Covent-Garden*, was not only an Hypocrite, capable of the most unaccountable Spite and Malice, the blackest Wickedness and Designs, but the most ignorant Fellow I ever knew belong to the Clergy of any Denomination, and yet he swore against his Master. But to return to Dr. *Cameron*, who, after finishing his Studies at *Glasgow*, went to the University of *Edinburgh*, to prosecute his Studies in a more useful Branch than those he had gone through. For indeed it must be owned, that the Study of Logic and Metaphysics, according to the received Method of the Times, was in itself extremely fatiguing, and had a Tendency rather to blunt the Edge of the Genius, than to improve the Understanding; and yet is so very fit for Lawyers, that, without it, those of that Profession

feſſion would make but a poor Figure in *Scotland*; for by the Aſſiſtance of Syllo-
giſm and falſe Argument, commonly
called Sophiſtical Reasoning, they are
capable of framing the ſubtleſt Argu-
ments, perplexing the moſt obvious Caſes,
and rendering obſcure that which was
apparent and clear.

As the Doctor's Friends obſerved this,
it was agreed, that he ſhould apply to the
Study of Phyſic, which might be of
greater and more ſolid Advantage, than
nice and uſeleſs Speculations. And to
pave the Way, he applied to Anatomy
under Dr. *Alexander Munro* in the College
of *Edinburgh*; a Man, who by Dint of
Practice, has improved much in that
excellent Art: For his Father being a
Surgeon, he has had all the Opportunities
that any Perſon could deſire for improving
his Underſtanding: He has had Subjects
of all Kinds among thoſe Women at the
different Periods of their Pregnancy laid
before him; and ſeveral Fœtus's he has
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set in Spirits, which afford a very entertaining Sight to the Curious and Wife.

HAVING studied Anatomy under Dr. *Munro*, and the Practice of Physic under Dr. *Sinclair*, he went for some Time to *France* in quest of farther Knowledge; but chusing to settle in his native Country, he returned to *Lochabar*, where he married a very virtuous Woman of the Name of *Campbell*, by whom he has seven Children, and an unborn Infant, who is expected into the World in two Months, to share a Parent's Punishment without any Knowledge of his Guilt. He practised Physic in these remote Parts, where, by a genteel Behaviour, and by countenancing Honesty and Industry, he was very instrumental in reforming these poor People, hitherto so gross in their Morals, that Theft was the very Characteristic and Signature by which they were known; and the Moon, by way of Derision, was called *Lochiel's Lanthorn*; because by the Help of that Luminary they generally made Excursions in Pursuit of their thievish Designs.

Designs. His Brother *Lochiel* took particular Pains to soften the Rigour of the Climate, and Wildness of the Country, to such as came to reside at *Inverlochy*, otherwise called Fort *William* and *Maryburgh*, in Honour of the Royal Pair. He frequently sent Presents of Wine and other Liquors that are so easily purchased in these Parts, where abstracting from the Freight, they may be drank as cheap as in any Part of *France*; his House was daily frequented by them, and they were not only plentifully, but elegantly entertained; and if they at any Time should commend a Cow, a Calf, a Sheep, or any other domestic Animal, they were sure to find these at their own Houses upon their Return; and he took care to have them furnished with every sort of Venison also.

WHEN General *Wade* was in the Country, and taken up in making the Roads, *Lochiel* and his Brother the Doctor laid the strictest Commands upon the whole of their Name, to be obliging

to the Soldiers, and do every thing in their Power for rendering their Situation agreeable; so that whatever Misrepresentation M. *Wade* might give of *Scotland*, he had no Occasion to complain; for the Noblemen endeavoured to make every thing pleasing to him; tho' from a Notion of a false Superiority, he behaved in a very clownish Manner; scarcely rising off his Chair to receive so considerable a Man as the Earl of *Crauford*, when he came to pay him a Visit *. And when at *Inverness* Lieutenant-General *Charles Ross* of *Balmagown*, did all he could to regale him, notwithstanding his supercilious Deportment, and his whimsical Actions, that exposed him, and rendered him despicable and mean.

HE took it once into his Head to build a Town at Fort *Augustus*, and modestly desired the Favour of the Magistrates of *Inverness*, to dispense with their great Fair at *Martinmas* in Favour of his
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* This was his usual Method of Behaviour to Noble men when they came to visit him.

new Colony. *Hoffack* the Alderman, refused it, and some Rustick Language passed between the two; Mr. *Hoffack* and Mr. *Wade* were the Names alternately given: What, says Mr. *Hoffack*, "Don't we maintain you, Mr. *Wade*?" The "Persons of us Magistrates are sacred." "I don't know, says M. *Wade*, what I am doing, but I am throwing the "Fellow out of the Window:" with other such scurrilous Expressions, which rendered the Dialogue nauseous, and could not fail to represent the General as a Man of nasty Ideas *.

BUT Dr. *Cameron's* obliging Deportment was not confined to the Soldiers employed in making the Roads, but extended to the opposite part of the Country: For when the *York-Building* Company had settled some People for working the Lead-Mines at *Strontian* in *Ardnamurchan*, he made it his Business to oblige all concerned, and both by Advice and

C 2 Example,

* Alluding to Dean *Swift's* Definition of a nice Gentleman.

Example, was the happy Instrument of civilizing the People in these remote Parts, giving them a Relish for Trade and Commerce, and encouraging them to gain their Bread by a laudable Industry, and working at the Mines: And I have heard both Officers, Inspectors and Clerks speak most honourably of him, and give him the most amiable Character, which I truly believe he deserved; yea, the Ministers who settled in *Lochabar*, and were mostly supported of the Royal Bounty, acknowledged his singular Favours.

IN this manner of Life did he continue till the breaking out of the last Rebellion, in which his Brother had so great and principal a Share: And yet, tho' he committed a Multiplicity of Treasons of the first Magnitude, meerly through the Persuasion of Lord *Lovat*, yet considering his Generosity, and amiable Behaviour, there are so many Circumstances to speak in his Favour, that I am confident was he in the same Situation with the Doctor, his Life would be spared, provided the same were made publick. This was the Opinion of the late Earl of *Stair*.

WHEN the Chevalier first landed in *Ardnamurchan*, he sent an Express to *Lochiel*, who was then at his House of *Achnacarrie*, expecting no such Guest: The News shocked him for a few Minutes; however, recovering from his Consternation, he repaired to him, and remonstrated with him upon the Madness of the Attempt at that Time, "Then deliver me up, says the Adventurer, to the Elector of *Hanover*, for since I am arrived among you upon your own Invitation, I am determined not to return." To which *Lochiel* replied, "I must say, your Royal Highness uses me damnably ill, to think I could be guilty of delivering you to the Elector of *Hanover*: I shall join you, as my Honour is engaged *. But remember I tell you, that your hasty Procedure will render your Scheme abortive, and prove the Ruin of your Friends." And so he retired, mounted his Horse, and rode off; called the principal Gentlemen of his Clan together, when he told them, that

* See the History of the Rebellion.

that the Chevalier had landed among them : They were amazed at the Matter, opposed his setting up his Standard, and none was more strenuous against him than the unfortunate Gentleman the Doctor ; who even proposed to confine his Brother, that he should not venture upon such a Scheme, that might bring certain Ruin upon those concerned in it : And, perhaps, *Lochiel* might have been prevailed on to desist, had he not been governed by a false Notion of Honour ; namely, of observing a rash Engagement, which was a greater Crime to execute, than at first to enter into it. “ I have, “ said he, corresponded with him ; ’tis “ impossible I can dip deeper than I have, “ and, for a Thousand Worlds, I would “ not recede from my Engagements.” The Scheme being then agreed to, his Standard was set up at *Glenphillen*, and Orders sent into the different Places of the Countries of *Lochaber* and *Morvair* for levying the Clan, 750 of whom, in a Week’s Time, repaired to the Place of Rendezvous, where *Lochiel*, missing his Brother,

Brother, he sent a Party for him, and by the Ties of a Brother, the Obligations due to a Benefactor and Chieftain, he demanded his Assistance. The Doctor withstood the most earnest Sollicitations for a Time; till by the Persuasion of *Lochiel's* Lady, a Daughter of Sir *James Campbell* of *Acbinbreck*, his Mind was somewhat reconciled to the Project: He loved his Brother *Lochiel*, who was his only Support, and forced him out under the Pain of the highest Displeasure; even threatening to pistol him if he did not comply; and insisted that it was the least Thing he could do to attend his Person, and cure him of any Hurt he might receive.

THE Chevalier being joined by so considerable a Body, and having free Access into the Low-Country of *Scotland*, thro' the false Step taken by General *Cope*, in marching to *Inverness* instead of attacking him at *Corryerroig*, or at least of detaining him there, passed by the Way of *Blair* and *Dunkeld* to *Perth*, where
Numbers

Numbers repaired to him ; then crossed the *Forth* at the *Frew*, and proceeded to *Edinburgh*, which City soon falling into the Hands of the Enemy, *Lochiel* was made Governor of it : And his Clan surrounded the Cross while the Heralds were publishing the Declarations.

THOUGH it was an Hardship to have an Highland Host in the City, yet both the Friends and Enemies of the Government were glad that the Place of Governor was conferred upon a Gentleman of *Lochiel's* great Humanity ; he being well acquainted with many of the Inhabitants, and every Person speaking well of him on account of his polite Behaviour, and the great Pains he had taken to civilize his Clan. Both he and his Brother the Doctor, in the most earnest and serious Manner, recommended to them an honest Deportment now ; threatening to have no Mercy upon such as should be detected in stealing the very least Thing : And their Words had such an Effect, that the Clan *Cameron* stole fewer Things than any of the Rebel Corps.

Nor must it be forgot, that all this Time, Dr. *Cameron* had no Commission in the Rebel Army, being no more than a Physician attending his Brother, and to be ready at Hand in Case any Accident should happen to him; which was no way unlikely, as he exposed himself in the hottest Part of every Action.

At the Battle of *Preston-Pans*, when the *Camerons* broke the Right of *Cope's* Army, he was most instrumental in saving Numbers, effectually stopped their Impetuosity, and earnestly recommended the sparing of Lives.

ONE *Cameron* of *Kinloch*, a Man scarce Five Foot Two Inches high, very meagre and thin to look upon, was yet so strong as to be able to grapple with any in the whole Army; and so skilful at the Broad-Sword, that he had but few Equals. In the Course of the Battle, which scarcely lasted Two Moments, I mean from the first Fire till the Flight was general, he came up to an Officer of the King's Army
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who was at the Head of his Company, made his Honours very handsomely with his Sword, and desired him to yield himself Prisoner: The Captain looked upon him with Disdain, and contemning his mean Appearance, he thrust at him with a Small-Sword which he had in his Hand; Cameron parried him, and then struck him so dexterously upon the Wrist, that he cut off his Hand, which, with the Sword, fell to the Ground; the Officer directly yielded, and Cameron scraped together some crumbled Earth off the Field, which he put in his Handkerchief, applied it to the Gentleman's Stump, stopped the Bleeding, and then introduced him to Dr. Cameron, who in the most tender and sympathizing Manner, dressed his Wound, as he did those of several other Prisoners; and when it was proposed to put all to the Sword, Lochiel so far rejected the Overture, that he declared, if any such Thing happened, he would directly abandon the Cause.

UPON the Departure of the Rebels from

from *Edinburgh*, *Lochiel* was the last to leave the City, and coming to *Lauder*, he was informed that Indiscretions had been committed by some of his private Men, and being told who they were, he went with his Whip in among them and lashed them severely on Account of their Misbehaviour.

FROM the Time of the Rebels entering *England* till their Return into *Scotland*, nothing remarkable occurs with Regard to the *Camerons*, except at *Kendall*, where on the 15th of *December*, some People at a Market, began to mob the Rear of a Party of Hussars, then marching along with *Perth*, a Nobleman universally beloved through the Army; as the main Body came up and were informed of it, they breathed nothing but Revenge, threatening to burn the Town about their Ears, unless ransomed by a Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds; the Magistrates knew not what to do, and to pay the Money was out of their Power; at last one of them addressed Doctor *Cameron*, and told him

that none of the Town's People had been concerned in the Riot, that the Matter happened on a publick Market-day, wherein Offenders could not be so easily distinguished: The Doctor generously sympathized with his Case, acknowledged the Truth of what he advanced, and instantly promised Relief, which was soon procured, for he informed his Brother *Lochiel* of what the Alderman had said, and so the Contributions were greatly abated. While at *Glasgow*, where an uncommon Spirit of Resentment appeared among the Rebels, the Doctor did all he could to pacify the Tempers of his Brother's Clan, and to assuage the boiling Ferment which like a Storm ready to burst, did rage in the Breasts of the principal Commanders. He was at the Battle of *Falkirk*, where the Clan *Cameron* engaged with their wonted Resolution and Bravery, his Design being no more than that of taking Care of his Brother *Lochiel*, as Doctor *Duncan Munro* took of his Brother Sir *Robert*; both these Gentlemen were killed upon the Spot, and one of their Friends published
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in the *Evening Courant* at *Edinburgh*, that *Sir Robert* was miserably mangled and hack'd in Pieces by the *Camerons*, but upon the strictest Inquiry I find that no *Cameron* was near him ; and some do not scruple to aver, that he only had two Wounds, one of which in the Side was almost closed up before he was found in the Morning.

Lochiel and his Brother the Doctor had indeed a better Fate at that Time, for they escap'd with their Lives, but were both of them wounded, the former in the Leg, a Ball having flanted along the Tibia, just below the Patella of the Knee, and yet it did not hinder his continuing in Action, nor did he feel it till his Brother observing his *Tartan Hose* bloody, earnestly begged of him to retire and have it dress'd, which was instantly done, tho' he himself received a Wound at that very Instant.

AFTER the Arrival of the Duke of *Cumberland* in *Scotland*, the Scale of Affairs

airs turned wholly on the Side of the
 Government, the Rebels retired before
 him and encamped at *Inverness* till the
 Day of the Battle of *Culloden*. And in
 this Situation they procured the greatest
 Advantages, for by dispersing Lord *Loudon's*
 Corps, they over-aw'd the Country, drew
 daily Provisions from *Ross, Sutherland, and*
Caithness, greatly augmented their Num-
 bers, and concluded a Neutrality with the
Grants, a Circumstance that proved of
 more Advantage to them than if these
 had actually joined ; by this Step fulfilling
 an Agreement entered into betwixt the
Camerons and them, at the little Church of
Cromdale, a few Years ago. The Agree-
 ment was made in these Words in the
Irish Tongue, which is expressive of the
 strongest Sentiments, " So long as the
 " Winds fawn upon the Oaks, or that the
 " Waves dash upon the Rocks, the Quarrel
 " of the one Clan shall be the Quarrel of
 " the other, and the Interest of one shall
 " be the Interest of both."

THE *Grants* are among the least warlike
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of the *Highlanders*, having little martial Bravery, and still less Generosity among them; though generally lightly and tall; and if it was not that they live so near the *Low Countries*, and under the Direction of a Chieftain, they would better deserve the Character of Thieves than the *Cameron* themselves: It is not above Seventy Years ago, since Sir Robert Gordon of Gordonstown's Father, detected a parcel of them, from whom he retook a Number of Cows which they had stolen out of *Dallas*, and then were driving off: And here I must acknowledge, that in my humble Opinion, the signing of a Neutrality with Rebels, is a Treason of the first Magnitude, almost beyond that of rising in Arms!

FOR several Weeks the Pretender continued at *Inverness*, during which Time Doctor *Cameron* did many Services to the Prisoners, by making their Confinement easy to some, procuring Respite for others, and daily visiting the Wounded, many of whom he cured, and I dare say that if some Officers were alive who knew Do-

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chieftain or the Doctor, they would interest themselves as much in his Favours, as Major *Bowles* of *Hamilton's* Dragoons, did in Favour of Major *James Stuart* of *Perth's* Regiment, for when the Major heard that *Stuart* was condemned, altho' he was lying on his Back and was obliged to be fed with a Tea-spoon, yet caus'd Write to his own Brother in Behalf of the Criminal, and by this Means his Pardon was obtained.

At the decisive Battle of *Culloden*, the Doctor was no more than formerly at *Balkirk*, attending his Brother, to be ready at hand, to dress any Wound if he should receive it; and here he received two, one in each Ankle, which the Doctor effectually cured, and waited on his Brother very faithfully, until he was wholly recovered.

After the Battle there was many Consultations among the Chieftains, particularly on the 9th of May, 1746, when among many others *Levat*, Secretary *Murray*, *Lochiel*, and the Doctor were present;

present; here it was proposed to mustered again in a Body, and to hold out until Terms could be obtained from his Royal Highness; the Proposal was relished by Lovat and some others, and a Part of the 25000 Loundres, landed but a little before from a French Man of War at Loch Nudy, was distributed among them in order to the raising their respective Quotas; but Doctor Cameron was utterly against rising in Arms, and proposed to write an humble Petition to his Royal Highness, surrendering themselves! A salutary Advice indeed, but which was at that Time rejected with Scorn.

But the Doctor Cameron's Advice was not followed, yet they were not capable of pursuing the Scheme proposed, by reason of the active Measures of the Royalists.

How ever they wandered about for some Time, till the Country was desolate by the brutal Conduct of Major Lockhart and some other Officers, who without any

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Orders from the Duke, did Things shocking to Humanity, which brought an Odium upon the whole Army, and opened the Mouths of the Enemies of the Government.

THE Former being sent into the Country of the *MacPhersons*, acted with a Brutality that was unparallel'd; he debauched the Wife of *McPherson* of *Invereshie*, and afterwards her Daughter; then caused the young Woman to be strip'd naked, and brought her forth among the Soldiers; that they might triumph over her Misery; and spoil her Person with their brutal Lewdness, after she had been robb'd of her Virtue, and plundered of what is the Glory of her Sex. The Seamen belonging to the Sloops of War acted still worse; setting Fire to Huts, and firing into Houses if the People made the least Effort to escape from the Flames. This Account is no Exaggeration of the Matter, I having had the Account from severals, and being capable of giving Satisfaction to any Person who doubts the Truth of it.

IT was not till the middle of *September*, that *Lochiel* and his Brother the Doctor got off in a Ship that had been sent from *Bologna*, and having landed in *France*, a Regiment was given the former, and the Commission of Physician to the Corps was conferred on the latter: He continued in this Situation till the Death of his Brother in *September*, 1748, when he went into Lord *Ogilvy's* Regiment, now quartered at *Lisle* in *Flanders*.

A N Inclination to see some Friends had long possessed the Doctor, and to satisfy his Curiosity did he fatally set sail from *Ostend*, and landing in the West of *Scotland*, was going to *Lochabar*, the Place of his Brother's Residence *; unhappily for him, he was known at *Lochlomond*, and going into a House to refresh himself, a Person apprised the Governor of *Innesfriald*, and

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* It was quickly propagated that he had come over to stir up fresh Commotions; but can any Person be really of this Opinion? and if his Brother *Lochiel* was against joining the Pretender, even when the Army was absent, How could the Doctor be for raising a Rebellion, when the Troops were all at Home?

got a Party to seize him : He was instantly conducted to the Garrison, and from thence to *Stirling* by a Party of General *Bland's* Dragoons, and from thence was guarded into *Edinburgh*, where by a Warrant from the Lord Justice Clerk, he was confined to the Castle on the 26th of *March*, where he continued till the 10th of *April* that he set out for *London*, where on the 10th he arrived, and was committed close Prisoner to the Tower. And here it will be proper to give the Reader an Idea of the Means by which he was condemned.

ON the 8th of *June*, 1746, while the Parliament was examining into the Spring and Rise of the Rebellion, and contriving the most proper Methods for extinguishing the Pretender's Hopes for the future, among other Laws, they by an Act of Parliament attainted *James Drummond*, commonly called the Duke of *Perth*, &c. &c.

OF all mentioned in the above List, none complied except Secretary *Murray*, who

who being informed that *Loval* had been taken the 7th of *June*,* thought he had a good Opportunity of getting clear by surrendering himself, and exhibiting several of his Lordship's Letters to bear Faith against him, when arraigned before his Peers.

ON Mr. *Cameron's* landing, it was quickly observed that he was an attainted Person, and of Consequence was subject to the Lash of the Law. Some few Days after his Arrival in *London*, he was examined at the *Cockpit* twice before a Committee of the Privy Council; and the Love of Life getting the better of Varacity, he denied himself to be the identical Person described in the Bill of Attainder: So that the Officers of State were obliged to look over the List of the Witnesses, who at *York*, *Carlisle*, *Southwark*, and *Westminster-Hall*, had given Evidence for the Crown: the Lord Advocate for *Scotland*† was

* See the History of the Rebellion.

† An Office of the same Nature with that of the Attorney General in *England*.

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likewise apply'd to, and by his Office he being obliged to do the King's Business, exerted himself, so that by one Means and the other, sufficient Proof was procured to prove the Doctor to be the identical Person attainted in the Act of Parliament. And here it will be of no Disservice either to the Friends or Enemies of the Government, to give an Account of the Witnesses who swore against the Criminals in Behalf of the Crown; not that I incline to trouble my Reader with a Description so nauseous, and shall therefore only observe a few Things :

After the Rebellion was quelled by the decisive Battle of *Culloden*, some of the King's Messengers were sent down as Examiners, to find out who were most proper to give Evidence for the King, whose Pardon and an handsome Livelihood was profered to such as could be most useful. The very Dregs of the Rebel Corps, some of whom were in Prison for Theft at *Edinburgh*, when the *Highlanders* came in and released them; and to show the
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Clans who glory so much in their Attachment to each other, both the *McDonalds* and *Frazers* were employed; for by telling plausible Stories, they were admitted. Thus taking the Rope as it were from about their own Necks, to put about others of their Party, perhaps less guilty than themselves.

EVERY Thing being prepared for the Doctor's Trial, he was brought in a Coach attended by the Yeomen and a Party of the Foot-Guards, to *Westminster-Hall*, about half an Hour after Nine in the Morning of the 17th of May, 1752: and the Judges of the King's Bench entering the Court about an Hour after, at eleven he was brought to the Bar with the Governor of the Tower before him, and the Jailor on his left Hand, where he behaved with great Calmness and every Way like a Gentleman: On hearing the Bill of Attainder read, and being asked if he was the identical Person mentioned in it, he modestly owned the Charge, but plead in his own Vindication his Deportment in the

the Country before the Rebellion broke out, as could have been well attested by General *Wade* and Colonel *Hopson*, if alive; he told them that his Brother on whom he had his sole Dependance, had forced him out; thus flying to the Compassion of the Humane, his only Defence, and His Majesty's Mercy the only Topic of Plea, did he resign himself to his Fate: When the Lord Chief Justice *Lee*, after pointing out the heinous Crime of Rebellion, told him that as a Man and Fellow-Creature, he sympathized with him, yet as a Magistrate, conscious of the Duty he ow'd to his King and Country, he was obliged to pronounce the Sentence of the Law, and so advised him to prepare for his dying Moments. After this having consulted with the other Judges, who agreed to have him executed in a Fortnight, he begged of their Lordships a Week longer, to the Intent that he might see his Spouse, who was at *Lisle* with seven Children, all dependant on him for their Bread, and would come over to see him as soon as she was informed of his Misfortune, and that not

to settle with her would be worse than Death itself; his Request was granted. And then the Sentence was pronounced, which he heard without any Alteration of Countenance, only his Lips closed together, and his Mouth began to fill: After that he retired, making three or four very low Reverences to their Lordships, and in the most serene and composed Manner returned to the Tower, the Place of his Confinement, to prepare for a fatal EXIT.

THUS have I gone thro' the Account of a Gentleman whose Misfortune must raise Pity in every human Breast, and who would not have been in the present unhappy Circumstances, had it not been for Secretary *Murray's* too great Care of himself.

WHILE *Murray* was in *Lochabar*, and in Possession of a pretty round Sum, partly raised by the Contributions, and partly got from the *French* Men of War at *Lockmuay*, he very prudently hovered upon the Borders of *Badenoch*, while *Lochiel*

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was in the Skirts of the Country, at the Distance of sixty Scot's Miles; the *Evening Courant*, which comes twice a Week to *Inverlocky*, always fell into his Hands, for Gold was *Murray's* Guard, and the Channel by which he procured Intelligence, broke through every Gate, and burst open every Bar.

*Aurum per medios ire Satellites
Et perrumpere amat Saxa, potentius
Ictu fulmineo;*

Hor. Lib. 3. Od. 16. Carm.

*Gold can thro' Armies force its Way,
Rend the Rocks, lead Men astray,
More potent than the Bolt!*

THE very Paper in which was the Bill of Attainder, fell into his Hands, but he took Care to keep it from falling into the Hands of any other Person; the Use he made of it is accounted for elsewhere.* So that *Dr. Cameron* did not see the Bill dated *June* 8th, till the Time limited for Surrender *July* 12th, was expired.

* See the History of the Rebellion. Printed for *A. Miller*,

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I doubt not but some will be apt to ridicule this Matter, from a mistaken Notion that the District or Stuary of *Lochar*, a Place abounding with Lakes and Mountains, is as well peopled as *Middlesex* or *Kent*; it is indeed more extensive than both, but the Disproportion of Inhabitants is incredible, in the whole is but one Parish and a half, the Tythes of which can't maintain their Pastor, whom I knew, without a Moiety from the 1000*l.* given by the King for propagating Christian Knowledge; nor in the whole are there above Two Thousand Persons including Women and Children, and except the pitiful bare Place *Inverlochy*, there are neither Towns nor Villages, only small Cottages built of Turff and thatched with Straw, at the Distance of eight, twelve, sixteen and twenty Miles from each other. So that the Papers are neither so frequent or regular, as at St. *James's*, nor are the People, most of whom can't read, write, or speak in any Tongue, so fond of these as the *Moorfield* and *Chelfea* Politicians, the *Royal Exchange* and *Pell-Mall* Connoisseurs. What Heart of Stone will not

sympathize with Doctor *Cameron* for his Affection to his Brother, as *Dionysius* the Tyrant of *Syracuse* did with *Damon*, for the Love and Fidelity shewn by him to his Friend *Pythias*, who being being condemned to die, only begged Leave to return home that he might settle the Affairs of his House; "Yes," says the Tyrant, "you have Liberty to go home, " provided, you leave one in your Room, " to suffer against the appointed Time, if " you do not return." *Damon* accepted the Proposal; *Pythias* went about his Business, came back upon the Day destined for his Exit, and relieved his generous Substitute; which so moved the Heart of *Dionysius*, that he forgave the Criminal, and desired he might be the Third in their Friendship.

AND since the King's Council in many Cases rested their Plea, and closed their Evidence, with proving that some, as Major *McDonald* of *Tiendrisb*, was against stopping the Slaughter at the Battle of *Preston-Pans*, then we may shut up this Narrative, with declaring, That Doctor *Cameron* was the Instrument of saving at least above Two Hundred Lives.



Extract of a Letter from Edinburgh, dated
March 29. 1753.

LAST Monday Dr. *Cameron*, (Brother to *Lochiel*) and who was engaged in the last Rebellion, and attainted, was bro't Prisoner to the Castle here ; he was taken by a Party of Lord *George Beauclark's* Regiment, who was detached from the Fort at *Inversnaid* in Search of him ; this Detachment was commanded by one Capt. *Graven* : They had Information of the House where he was to stay some Days, but in their March to it, were obliged to pass thro' two small Villages ; at the End of the first they saw a little Girl, who, as soon as she perceived Soldiers, ran as fast as she could ; a Serjeant and two or three Men pursued her, but she reached the other Village before they could overtake her ; and there she sent off a Boy, who seemed to be placed there to give Intelligence of the Approach of the Soldiers. The Soldiers then pursued the Boy, but finding they were not able to come up with him, the Serjeant called out to his Men to present their Pieces, as if they intended to shoot him : The Boy on this, turning round, and seeing the Position of the Men, fell down on his Knees and begg'd his Life ; they secured him, and then went to the House where the Doctor was, which they beset on all Sides. The Disposition the Captain made was admirable ; he with some of his Men marched up to the Front of the House, but was soon discovered from the Windows, and Dr. *Cameron* to escape, leapt from a back Window, where he was immediately secured by the Serjeant before-mentioned, who was placed there, as the Captain very judiciously suspected the Doctor might attempt an Escape from that Part of the House.

When he was brought to the Castle here, the Lord Justice *Clark*, went to him and told him, " You are the only Man in your Circumstances, that ever I had Occasion

to speak to, (since I have been engaged in Business) whose Answer to me could be of no Prejudice to him. Because you are to be carried to *London*, and there are Witnesses ready to appear against you at the Court of King's Bench, to prove that you are the identical Doctor *Cameron* mentioned in the Bill of Attainder; this, Sir, will condemn you, and you are to have no further Trial." This struck him, and after some Pause, he replied, "That he did not come over with a political Design, but only to transact some Affairs relating to *Lochiel's Estate*."

Your's, &c

